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**EMERGENCY NEWSLETTER No 22 for 16 August 2020**

**THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** is celebrated today, Sunday 16 August. Thus the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time is superseded by the feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady into heaven. This feast, is the principal annual feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is normally on 15 August but is this year transferred under the arcane rules which require major feasts which fall on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday to be transferred to the nearest Sunday. This is also the patronal feast day of the many churches and parishes dedicated without further qualification in honour of Our Lady, or St Mary – as they were termed in mediaeval England before the Reformation, a particular favourite in East Anglia as you may have noticed. Indeed our own parish address is St Mary's Street and our original 1823 chapel on this site was dedicated to "St Mary". The dedication was changed to St Edmund when the new parish church was opened in 1898, presumably to avoid confusion with St Mary's church next door.

**NEW RULES FOR COVID PROTECTION**

Face Coverings have become mandatory in Places of Worship since 8th August 2020. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.

Message from Fr Charles: Although we have a small supply of coverings at the church and chapel, I would be grateful if everyone could routinely bring their own mask to Mass each Sunday and put them on before entering the porch.

**TIMETABLE — MONDAY** No Mass (church cleaning); **TUESDAY** 8 am Mass at Harleston (as usual); **WEDNESDAY** No Mass (as usual); **THURSDAY** Mass and Eucharistic 12 noon; **FRIDAY** Mass 9.15am Bungay; **SATURDAY**; Vigil Mass of the Sunday 6.30 pm (as usual); **SUNDAY 16th** August: 9 am Mass at Harleston (as usual); 10.30 am Mass at Bungay (as usual). Confessions each Saturday at 1030. The bishops have confirmed that the dispensation from the Sunday obligation still stands.

**CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR BEIRUT** [Donate now to the Beirut Emergency Appeal](#) or go to [CAFOD.org.uk](http://CAFOD.org.uk). Please give generously.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK:** Fr Martin and Fr Charles will both be away at Downside for the abbatial election on 26 August. Assuming neither of us is elected (a safe enough bet!) we will be back for Saturday 29 August.

**REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER:** if writing cheques for the parish please write in favour of Downside Abbey Missions Trust – Bungay

God Bless you all — Father Charles